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IN RESPONSE YOUR REQUEST FOR TOAST, WE SUGGEST FOLLOWING FOR
VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE TO GIVE AT LUNCHEON SEPTEMBER 30TH:

1. IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO WELCOME YOU TO THIS LUNCHEON
AND TO THIS COUNTRY. OUR TALKS THIS MORNING CONFIRMED ONCE
AGAIN THE STRONG TIES OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES.
YUGOSLAVIA AND AMERICA HAVE TRAVELED DIFFERENT PATHS, BUT AT
CRUCIAL JUNCTURES WE HAVE BEEN TOGETHER. FOR OVER A CENTURY,
YUGOSLAVS HAVE BEEN MAKING A SIGNIFICANT AND GROWING
CONTRIBUTION TO AMERICAN SOCIETY. WOODROW WILSON CONTRIBUTED
AS MUCH AS ANY OTHER STATESMAN TO THE FOUNDATION OF
YUGOSLAVIA, AND NO COUNTRY HAS BEEN MORE CONSISTENTLY DEVOTED
TO YOUR NATIONS' PRESERVATION AND UNITY OVER THE PAST SIXTY
YEARS THAN THE UNITED STATES. WE STOOD SHOULDER TO SHOULDER
IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR. AND WE ARE TOGETHER HERE TODAY,
I BELIEVE WITH AS GREAT A DEGREE OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING
AND TRUST AS AT ANY TIME SINCE OUR CLOSE COOPERATION IN
THE 1950'S.

2. THERE ARE IMPORTANT AND OBVIOUS DIFFERENCES BETWEEN
OUR SYSTEMS AND OUR VIEWS OF THE WORLD. THESE WILL
PERSIST NOR WOULD A NATION LIKE OURS WHICH SO HIGHLY VALUES
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DIVERSITY WANT US ALL TO BE THE SAME. BUT AS A MAN WHO LOVES
TO WALK THROUGH WOODS AND FIELDS, YOU WILL UNDERSTAND ROBERT
FROST'S WORDS- "SOMETHING THERE IS THAT DOESN'T LOVE A
WALL". WE SHOULD LOOK AT WHAT UNITES, AS WELL AS WHAT
DIVIDES US. WHILE THEIR PRACTICAL APPLICATION DIFFERS,
WE SHARE TWO FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. WE EACH BELIEVE IN
FREEDOM AND EQUALITY--OF INDIVIDUALS AND OF NATIONS.

--IN AMERICA, WE TOO WANT A MAXIMUM OF PARTICIPATION BY OUR CITIZENS AND OPPOSE A MONOPOLY OF POWER BY ANY ONE GROUP. WE TOO ARE CONCERNED THAT A WELL-INTENTIONED CENTRAL GOVERNMENT NOT DO SO MUCH THAT IT UNDERMINES LOCAL AND INDIVIDUAL INITIATIVE. WE TOO WANT EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY AND A DECENT STANDARD OF LIVING FOR ALL OUR PEOPLE. WE TOO ARE PREOCCUPIED WITH THE PROBLEMS OF RAPID URBANIZATION AND INDUSTRIALIZATION--POLLUTION, HOUSING, ENERGY AND THE INDIVIDUAL'S ALIENATION FROM HIS ROOTS. IN THE FACE OF SUCH RAPID CHANGE AND COMPLEXITY, OLD IDEOLOGICAL CLICHES LOSE SOME OF THEIR CAPACITY FOR DESCRIPTION. WHEN IN ALL SOCIETIES GOVERNMENTS PLAY A MAJOR ROLE IN THE ECONOMY AND NEARLY ALL HAVE SOME PRIVATE SECTOR, WE NEED A NEW VOCABULARY. ALL OF US ARE FACED WITH DEMANDS FOR BOTH POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS. ARE THE WALLS WE BUILT DECADES AGO ANY LONGER VIABLE?

--IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS WE FACE THE SAME NEED TO LOOK BEYOND OLD CLICHES TO NEW REALITIES. THE WORLD CAN NO LONGER BE DOMINATED BY ONE OR TWO NATIONS, OR DIVIDED INTO BLOCS. COLONIALISM AND IMPERIALISM ARE DEAD. THE STRIVING FOR NEW FORMS OF DOMINATION OR TO IMPOSE PARTICULAR SYSTEMS IS DOOMED TO FAILURE. WE NEED A NEW VOCABULARY AND EQUALLY IMPORTANT A NEW COMMITMENT TO COOPERATE REGARDLESS OF OUR DIFFERENCES.

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2. IN THIS SPIRIT, PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ASKED ME TO SAY THAT THE UNITED STATES WANTS AS CLOSE AND COOPERATIVE A RELATIONSHIP WITH YUGOSLAVIA AS YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE WITH US. HE VERY MUCH LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING WITH PRESIDENT TITO AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY. WE ARE FOLLOWING WITH GREAT INTEREST THE DEMOCRATIC STRIVINGS AND EVOLUTION OF YOUR SYSTEM OF "SELF-MANAGING PLURALISM". WE DEEPLY RESPECT THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-ALIGNMENT WHICH GUIDES YOUR FOREIGN POLICY. AND AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, NO NATION HAS A GREATER INTEREST IN AND MORE CONSISTENTLY SUPPORTS THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF YUGOSLAVIA THAN THE UNITED STATES. SPECIFICALLY WE CONDEMN NOT ONLY THE TERRORIST MEANS BUT THE SEPARATIST ENDS OF THOSE GROUPS IN THE UNITED STATES AND ELSEWHERE WHO HAVE COMMITTED VIOLENT AND COWARDLY ACTS AGAINST YOUR COUNTRY AND MINE.

3. IN CONCLUSION LET ME SAY WHAT A GREAT PERSONAL PLEASURE IT IS FOR ME AND FOR MY COLLEAGUES TO HAVE WITH US ONE OF THE MOST CREATIVE THINKERS IN ANY GOVERNMENT TODAY. WE ARE KEENLY AWARE OF YOUR FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTUAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO BOTH SELF-MANAGEMENT AND NON-ALIGNMENT.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR NEW BOOK PUBLISHED
IN ENGLISH. AND WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL FIND YOUR DISCUSSIONS
IN THE DAYS AHEAD AS REWARDING AS WE KNOW THEY WILL BE FOR
YOUR AMERICAN PARTNERS.
EAGLEBURGER

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